28: Spiro--57-58 (1947-48) 1949 Woleaians
116, 513, 776, 753 Ifalik

"Formerly the unmarried young men slept in the club houses or canoe houses. When I asked why this custom has been abandoned, they explained that there are only a few young men now, and that they are afraid of being attacked by the alus. [58]

One evening I was sitting in a canoe house with the young men, and I asked Talimera to bring some cigarettes for the boys from my tent. He was afraid to go alone because of the alus, and would consent to go only if I gave him my flashlight (which I had explained to him, too, was a prophylactic against the alus.)"

28: Spiro--92 [3] (1947-48) 1949 Woleaians
116, 854, 513 Ifalik

"The infant sleeps between its parents. It continues to sleep with them until about the age of three, or until the birth of another baby. With the birth of the baby, the older infant is not only deprived of its mother's breast, but is also compelled to relinquish its sleeping position."

28: Spiro--96
116, 857, 513, 776

(1947-48) 1949

Woleaians
Ifalik

"The younger children have no regular sleeping habits, nor are they compelled to sleep at designated times by their parents. None are required to take afternoon naps, sleeping when they are tired, and they are not required to retire at an earlier hour than the adults. However, they cannot stay out after dark, because the parents warn them of the alus that may be abroad at night. Sleep, generally, is viewed as a completely natural phenomenon, induced by fatigue. And it is thus explained to children, if they ask."

28: Spiro--122 [3] (1947-48) 1949 Woleaians
116, 881, 833, 513 Ifalik

"The lack of a male adolescent rite du passage renders the question of the age of permissive sexual intercourse a knotty one. Girls, as we have seen, may have intercourse after their third menstruation, and probably do. Boys, may not have intercourse after the first indication of their sexual virility. My male informant insisted that a young man of the age of Talimera, who is about 16, was not permitted to indulge in copulation. This statement was verified by my questioning of the young men in that age range. If this is true, then there is quite a sexual differential in the ages at which the sexes are permitted sexual activity.

Should a young man have intercourse with a girl before the sanctioned time, both the boy and girl are beaten by the girl's parents, and the chiefs reprimand the boy's parents for not having supervised their son's behavior carefully. The natives, however, know of no case of this kind, nor could I discover any in the course of our stay on the island. (3)"

"3. The sleeping arrangements of the household present a possible complication. The parents, as we have seen, sleep alone--or with their infant--in their mosquito nets. The single young men and young women sleep in unisexual groups, but the prepuberty children sleep in one net. It is difficult to believe that children sleeping in close proximity under one net don't engage in some type of sexual explorations. In the absence of any other evidence, however, we shall have to leave this point open, only indicating here the possibility of some sexual activity."

28: Spiro--148 (1947-48) 1949 Woleaians
116, 513 Ifalik

"Formerly all unmarried males slept in the club houses. This no longer obtains. But after the trade winds set in, the young unmarried men of Rauaua slept in one of the canoe houses. They would retire to the canoe-house after dark, and sing and talk for a long time before going to sleep. Before long, everyone is sleeping."